

Jos. E. Hoover
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My dear Brother
on his applicat. to H. Coines

Your note
to Mr McCall & ^{with} the consid-
eration of how much you
have done to aid me in
life, really overpowers me
& I therefore beg that you
will allow me some opp-
portunity to do some thing,
no matter how feeble,
to manifest my sincere
appreciation of all your
kindness.

I am actively at work,
prosecuting with prudence
the matter in hand & thus
far every thing encourag-
es me to continue, although
all my instincts are against
soliciting a public office.

yet an impelling sense
of duty, nerves me to proceed
& ignore all feeling which
would retard my energies,
& therefore if the success is
dependent upon my efforts,
(humanly speaking) it shall
not be wanting, I feel in
this, as in every event of
my past life, that God's hand
is leading me & to this directing
care I commit the whole, and
to Him be all the glory.

I shall not feel, even after
all my efforts, disappointed
if success does not crown
my application, as what ^{does} ~~is~~ pos-
sition avail, if it is not in
the line of our mission, &
with this axe in the guide line
I am resigned to every dispos-
session. Nothing is man's
Event is

God's; this is the Key, to my life,
it unlocks every event & plain-
ly illustrates the weep of God
to man. Excuse me as I did
not intend, to thus dignify from
the object of my note.

I would thank you, if you ~~would~~
would be so kind as to pre-
pare me a Testimonial
& present to the Secretary
of the Treasury, with my
other papers, yours will be
all important, as exhibit-
ing my capacity for the duties
of the office & aid him to pass
a judgment consistent with
his duty to the government.
I want ~~leave~~ ^{to} (D.V.) for Wash-
ington as early this week,
or the latest by Monday if
possible, but yet all must
be complete, in my view, before

Leave, even if a better time
should be required to my visit
saw Mr. J. M. Burton yesterday
& he only needed your opinion,
or rather he would like to con-
fer with you as to my qual-
ification for the duties, before
he could do any thing in the
matter, I was perfectly ^{satisfied} it
was ^a just course to pursue.

I must now tell you that
this moment ^{free} Dr. Schuchert,
replied to ^{my} request, to obtain
the influence of both the
Hon: Mr. Cowan & W. M. McClan-
gon, in my favor, & the result
is every thing to encourage me,
which my true friends
may advise you as to the
details. How my heart
beats with gratitude.

Yours sincerely
H. E. Towne
H. M. McClan